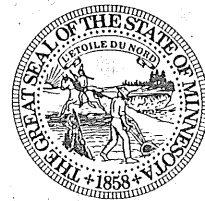


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## CARLSON VETOES STRIKER REPLACEMENT BILL

Governor Arne Carlson today vetoed a bill that would have changed Minnesota's labor laws, making it illegal for some businesses to hire permanent replacement workers during strikes.

Carlson said the legislation is largely preempted by federal law, and would have imposed a hardship on many businesses in Greater Minnesota.

"If allowed to become law, Chapter 239 would primarily affect small, unionized Minnesota businesses who are the least able to survive a strike. Rural and small town businesses would likely be hardest hit," Carlson wrote in his veto message.

The Governor also noted that many large companies - such as Greyhound, Boise Cascade and Hormel - that have been mentioned by proponents of the legislation would not have been covered by the bill. Because they conduct interstate commerce, they are governed by federal labor law and would not be subject to the Minnesota law.

"While I am deeply troubled by the issues this legislation attempts to address, there is simply very little, if anything, that a state government can do," he concluded in his veto message.

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